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DECLARATION OF LENNA BAUERLY
UNDER 37 § CFR 1.116(e) and 1.68

I, Shelly Lenna Bauerly, am the named inventor and owner of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/763,426 by Bauerly, entitled "Purse Hanger," filed on January 23, 2004.

The development of a working model of the claimed invention consisted of numerous experiments, including many designs that failed to achieve the design initiatives.

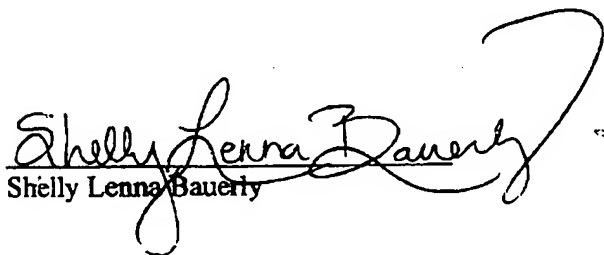
The design of the rigid arm and chain combination, as described in the patent application, that would remain stable when supporting a purse from a table top, was only achieved after that experimentation and failure by actual models.

Additional experimentation with various designs was undertaken to develop a means of reducing the likelihood that a purse and hanger would be knocked off a table by a slight bump or brush of a passer-by. Various rubber and cork surfaces were not sufficient to prevent the purse hanger from sliding off of a table when brushed by a passer by. Attempts to suspend a purse sufficiently far under a table to minimize brushing resulted in impractical designs. Eventually, the swivel joint described in the invention was conceived to allow the purse to rotate freely when bumped, thereby releasing rotational energy without the purse hanger pivoting off a table top due to that rotational energy. When experiments were conducted with this design, it greatly enhanced the stability of the purse hanger when a purse hanging therefrom was bumped or brushed by a passer-by.

I certify under penalty of perjury that I have actual knowledge of all claims and assertions set forth in the foregoing statement, and that foregoing statement is true and accurate. I am aware that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or

imprisonment or both under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and may jeopardize the validity of the application, or any patent issuing thereon.

Signed by my hand this 10th day of May, 2008


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